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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is a submission pursuant to the requirements of filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Prosecution of the merits of this application was closed on March 17, 2009 pursuant to a Final Office Action.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this Amendment, including any required extension of time fees, to deposit account number 19-3140.

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Issues Raised in the Office Action

Claims 1, and 3 through 16 are currently pending in the application. By the Office Action dated March 17, 2009 claims 1 and 3 to 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102/103 (i.e. that the prior art is allegedly the same as that of the claim but the function is not explicitly disclosed by the reference) as anticipated by or obvious over Harsley (5,799,376).